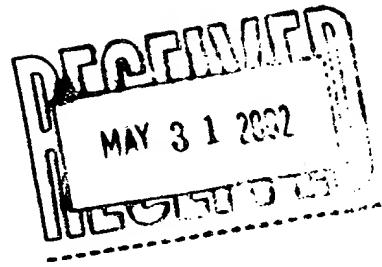




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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition to make the above-referenced application special as described in MPEP §708.02 VIII. No examination has yet been taken by an Examiner in this case. The claims are directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, Applicants will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

A pre-examination search has been made with respect to the present invention by the professional searching company MetroPatent. The following classes and subclasses were